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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING SPECTRAL INTERFERENCE DUE TO WITHIN AND BETWEEN SAMPLE VARIATIONS DURING IN-SITU SPECTRAL SAMPLING OF TISSUE**

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Please amend the Application as follows:

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35 This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/235,424, filed on September 26, 2000, and is a continuation-in-part-application of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/563,782 filed on May 2, 2000 and is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/631,440, filed on August 2, 2000.